

Merry Ann T. Wright  
Candidate for Vestry Service 2021-2024

My husband, Larry, and I came to St. Paul's in 2007 and were immediately welcomed as members of the Parish. We immediately transferred from Christ Church, Herkimer, NY via Church of the Resurrection, Alexandria, VA. My participation in Education for Ministry (EFM) encompassed two years at each of these parishes and culminated with graduation in 1999.

Having served on the Vestry at both of those parishes as well as Senior Warden here at St. Paul's. I currently serve as Clerk of the Vestry, as an altar server and reader; a member of the Flower Guild, and the Bellamy Garden Committee. As one of the founding members of the Mary Veronica Chapter, Order of the Daughters of the King®, I have served as the founding President and as an advisor to the chapter. I also serve the Diocese as the President of the Daughters of the King® of Diocese of East Carolina, comprising 24 chapters.

As a professional fundraiser and non-profit leader, I have provided my grant-writing skills to garner several hundred thousand dollars in grants for St. Paul's and have chaired Coastal Carolina Christmas as well as other smaller fund-raising events for the parish. In the Diocese of Albany, I co-chaired a capital campaign that, in the early 1980's, raised over \$3,000,000.

My service to the Diocese of East Carolina includes serving on the Endowment Board of the Diocese of East Carolina and as the Diocesan President of the Order of the Daughters of the King®. This position has allowed me to become very familiar with many of the parishes in the Diocese as well as in our own Deanery.

I would look forward to once again serving St. Paul's as a member of the Vestry.